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Dear Professor Kao:

Thank you for your letter of February 4, which arrived here only a few days ago.

My colleagues and I would be glad to try to arrange for appropriate exchanges with Wuhan University. As you may know, The Rockefeller University has been involved for a long time in exchanges with China. Particularly since a delegation from the University visited China in May 1977, members of our faculty and staff have been active in the expanding range of contacts between China and the United States in research fields. This month, for example, Professor William Trager is receiving two Chinese scientists who are planning to be in his lab for a few weeks in order to learn new tissue culture techniques related to studies of malaria. Later this year, we may be involved in exchanges in other fields such as genetics and experimental high energy physics. In short, the University is fully prepared to participate generally in the relationships you have proposed.

The major problems in pursuing such exchanges concern funding and the limitations of our specialized, small institution. We have no local funds available to finance travel, living costs, and research expenses of visitors from abroad. Furthermore, as you know, our educational program is limited to the Ph.D. and post-doctoral level and is highly tutorial. Hence, it may be difficult to properly evaluate applicants from China unless there is opportunity for personal interview.